wee$_n$ Pakistan and India and whether the steps taken have been welcomed by them; if $_s$o, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that attempts for improving the Indo-Pak relations have of lat$_e$ met with some setbacks;

(c) if so, what are the issues on which differences have cropped up; and

(d) what is the comparative position of the two Governments on those issues?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) India has maintained a continuous dialogue with Pakistan to resolve its bilateral differences with that country. Pakistan's response to the initiatives taken by India has, however, been unsatisfactory,

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Relations between the two countries have been hampered by several negative actions on the part of Pakistan, such as, its involvement with extremist activities directed against India its aggressive and clandestine pursuit of a weapons-oriented nuclear programme, it$_s$ scramble for sophisti-cated weapons far beyond its legitimate defence requirements and its unwillingness to permit the expansion of people-to-people contacts between the two countries.

D.T.C. buses under special contract

3295. SHRI RAM: JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 31st October, 1988 also th$_e$ same number of buses under D.T.C. were running on the road in Delhi as were generally running daily prior to that period;

(b) if so, what i$_s$ the present number of buses which are generally being run daily o$_n$ roads in Delhi;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of D.T.C. buses were running on special contract basis on the 31st October, 1988; and

(d) if so, what was the number of buses which thus running under special contract and keeping the convenience of ordinary passengers in view what were the reasons for allowing such a large number of buses to run under special contract; and what is the total amount of fare which has been received by the corporation fo$_r$ running its buses under the special contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The DTC on the average operates on a working day about 91 per cent of its fleet of 4256 buses. The exact number of buses will vary from day-to-day. The number of buses on the road on 31-10-1988 including 502 buses given on special hire wa$_s$ 3882. Thes$_e$ buses on special hire were given in response to a requisition received and was for carrying a large number of passengers. Rs. 3,50,000 ha$_s$ been realised on account of thi$_s$ special hire contract.

Setting up of a Children's university

3296. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Child Education has proposed to Government for setting up of a children's University at Delhi under the provisions of new Education Policy so as to develop the children health care, sports and other educational items; and